

Amendments to Claims

Claims 1 -32 are cancelled; Claims 38 and 39 are currently amended; and Claims 45 – 76 are new claims. These amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 13 of this paper. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

General Remarks

Claim Objection and Allowable Subject Matter

The last Office Action objected to Claims 39-44 stating, “the phrase “such that” in line 12 should not be surrounded by commas. Appropriate correction is required. Claims 40-44 are necessarily included due to their dependency.” The Office Action went on to say “Claims 34-37 are allowed” and “Claims 39-44 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection set forth in this Office action”.

Claim 39 has been amended to remove the commas surrounding “such that”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The last Office Action rejected Claims 33 and 38 stating, “Claims 33 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nilssen (U.S. Patent 5,559,393) in view of Cook et al. (U.S. Patent 4,521,839)”

Re Claim 33

The Office Action went on to say:

“Regarding claim 33, Nilssen discloses a high-frequency power source (abstract), an interconnecting cable (reference number CC1) and multiple luminaires (SFL1 and SFL2), the high-frequency power source being connected to and powered from a standard utility power line (Fig. 8) and having a high-frequency power output (abstract), the interconnecting cable being connected to the high-frequency power output (Fig. 8), the interconnecting cable not being a track of a track lighting system (Fig. 8), the interconnecting cable being supplied from a manufacturing facility with no luminaires connected thereto (Fig. 8, cord on the very left), the system further characterized in that the system is installed by an installer (Fig. 8, all systems are installed by some sort of installer), **during installation, luminaires are connected to a**